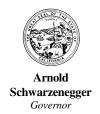


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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$3,000 COMPLAINT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, FRESNO COUNTY

FRESNO – The Southern California Edison Company faces \$3,000 in penalties for a violation of reporting requirements at its Balsam Hydroelectric Project.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued the Administrative Civil Liability complaint for assessment of statutory mandatory minimum penalties of \$3,000 for the violation. The project was 45 days delinquent in submitting its third Quarter 2004 self-monitoring report.

The Balsam Hydroelectric Project has a permit for discharge of treated and untreated wastewater to Shaver Lake and North Fork Stevenson Creek, both waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The board may consider the complaint at its regular public board meeting on December 4 or 5, 2008.